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## QUARTERLY ISSUES/PROGRAMS LIST: Q1. 2011

The following is a list of significant community topics/issues addressed via our broadcast programming during the above noted calendar quarter. The listing is not comprehensive. We are a nonprofit public service media company and primarily air educational and informative programming from a variety of sources and not all programs are listed here. The order of items presented does not denote significance of issues discussed. Our Web postings of these programs are attached.

SHOW	TYPE OF PROGRAM	DATE	TIME	LENGTH	HOST	PANELISTS	AMONG THE TOPICS
<b>Anchorage Edition</b>	Public Affairs Round Table	8-Apr	7:30 p.m.	30 min.	Michael Carey	Journalists, commentators	Oil taxes; ANC elections; new judge
<b>Anchorage Edition</b>	Public Affairs Round Table	1-Apr	7:30 p.m.	30 min.	Michael Carey	Journalists, commentators	Oil taxes; Fairbanks militia
<b>RUNNING</b>	Candidates' Forum	29-Mar	7:00 p.m.	60 min	Michael Carey	Assembly Candidates	Municipality issues
<b>RUNNING</b>	Candidates' Forum	28-Mar	7:00 p.m.	120 min.	Len Anderson	School Board Candidates	School district issues
<b>Anchorage Edition</b>	Public Affairs Round Table	25-Mar	7:30 p.m.	30 min.	Lori Townsend	Journalists, commentators	Fairbanks militia; tsunami warnings
<b>Anchorage Edition</b>	Public Affairs Round Table	18-Mar	7:30 p.m.	30 min.	Michael Carey	Journalists, commentators	Iditarod; Mayor Sullivan
<b>Anchorage Edition</b>	Public Affairs Round Table	11-Mar	7:30 p.m.	30 min.	Michael Carey	Journalists, commentators	Federal budget; Gas pipeline
<b>Anchorage Edition</b>	Public Affairs Round Table	4-Mar	7:30 p.m.	180 min.	Michael Carey	Journalists, commentators	Anchorage assembly races
<b>Anchorage Edition</b>	Public Affairs Round Table	25-Feb	7:30 p.m.	90 min.	Michael Carey	Journalists, commentators	New book on Sarah Palin; health care
<b>Anchorage Edition</b>	Public Affairs Round Table	18-Feb	7:30 p.m.	90 min.	Michael Carey	Journalists, commentators	Air service; Knik Arm bridge
<b>Anchorage Edition</b>	Public Affairs Round Table	4-Feb	7:30 p.m.	180 min.	Michael Carey	Journalists, commentators	Earmark ban; offshore drilling
<b>Anchorage Edition</b>	Public Affairs Round Table	28-Jan	7:30 p.m.	30 min.	Michael Carey	Journalists, commentators	State of state address; oil profits
<b>Faces of Alaska</b>	Special Series	27-Jan	8:00 p.m.	60 min	Kathleen McCoy	Olympian Holly Brooks	Family stories, <i>Alaska roots</i>
<b>Anchorage Edition</b>	Public Affairs Round Table	21-Jan	7:30 p.m.	30 min.	Michael Carey	Journalists, commentators	Port of Anchorage; Medicaid funding
<b>Faces of Alaska</b>	Special Series	20-Jan	8:00 p.m.	60 min	Kathleen McCoy	AK Leader Willie Hensley	Family stories, <i>Alaska roots</i>
<b>Anchorage Edition</b>	Public Affairs Round Table	14-Jan	7:30 p.m.	30 min.	Michael Carey	Journalists, commentators	Parking in ANC; oil spill commission

<b>Faces of Alaska</b>	Special Series	13-Jan	8:00 p.m.	60 min	Kathleen McCoy	Novelist Dana Stabenow	Family stories, Alaska roots
<b>Anchorage Edition</b>	Public Affairs Round Table	7-Jan	7:30 p.m.	30 min.	Michael Carey	Journalists, commentators	US Senate race; ANC homicides
<b>Faces of Alaska</b>	Special Series	6-Jan	8:00 p.m.	60 min	Kathleen McCoy	Musher Lance Mackey	Family stories, Alaska roots

## **Anchorage Edition: April 8, 2011**

Thu, April 7, 2011

Each week, KAKM gathers commentators for a review of the week's news, politics and public affairs in Anchorage and Alaska. Topics for this week are expected to include:

- Where is the ACES revision going?
- Anchorage election results.
- Capital budget maneuvering.
- Lowering drinking age for military personnel.
- Sharon Gleason named to federal district court seat.
- Senate Bill 97.
- Coastal Management discussion goes on.

## **Anchorage Edition: April 1, 2011**

Thu, March 31, 2011

Each week, KAKM gathers commentators for a review of the week's news, politics and public affairs in Anchorage and Alaska. Topics for this week are expected to include:

- Oil tax revisions.
- Fairbanks militia update.
- "Islamic Law" measure.
- Pete Kott conviction thrown out.
- Anchorage Assembly passes 2011-12 school budget.
- Polar bear halts Alaska Oil Construction Project.
- Municipal elections.
- Alaska delegation doesn't approve of Obama's energy speech.

## **Anchorage Edition: March 25, 2011**

Thu, March 24, 2011

Each week, KAKM gathers commentators for a review of the week's news, politics and public affairs in Anchorage and Alaska. Topics for this week are expected to include:

- Fairbanks militia members arrested.
- ANB, ANS reestablishing Anchorage chapters.
- Redistricting changes dictated by census numbers.
- Cobell trust fund settlement.
- Tsunami warnings.

## **Anchorage Edition: March 18, 2011**

Fri, March 18, 2011

Each week, KAKM gathers commentators for a review of the week's news, politics and public affairs in Anchorage and Alaska. Topics for this week are expected to include:

- Bruce Weyhrauch gets a plea deal.
- Vic Kohring wins his appeal to the 9th Circuit.
- Latest developments of ACES debate.
- Iditarod ends in a heart-warming story.
- Reapportionment board must reapportion the Alaska Legislature.
- Earthquake in Japan.
- Militia members and tax protestors in trouble in Fairbanks.
- Mayor Dan Sullivan bringing in efficiency consultants.
- Attorney General John Burns faces a grilling from legislators on health care.

## **Anchorage Edition: March 11, 2011**

Thu, March 10, 2011

Each week, KAKM gathers commentators for a review of the week's news, politics and public affairs in Anchorage and Alaska. Topics for this week are expected to include:

- Denali gas pipeline project will miss a deadline.
- Oil tax debate.
- The Federal budget.
- Who has jurisdiction over the custody of a tribal member's tribe?
- Cell phone while driving ban speeding through the House.



- NPR in trouble with Congress.
- Mark Begich now chairman of a powerful subcommittee.
- State prison in the Mat-Su continues to devil lawmakers.
- Lisa Murkowski has been busy on Capitol Hill.
- Violently swaying streetlights in Kotzebue sent 60-pound lamps tumbling.
- FCC wants to change the Universal Services fund.

## **Anchorage Edition: March 4, 2011**

Fri, March 4, 2011

Each week, KAKM gathers commentators for a review of the week's news, politics and public affairs in Anchorage and Alaska. Topics for this week are expected to include:

- Senate finance hearing on Goose Bay prison.
- Anchorage Assembly races.
- New bill proposes lawmakers be allowed to campaign while traveling on state dollars.
- Two assembly races.
- Revising the oil tax.
- Murkowski: "Time to Open ANWR"
- Zombies invade Talkeetna.
- Worries about future government employee retirement debt.

## **Anchorage Edition: February 25, 2011**

Thu, February 24, 2011

Each week, KAKM gathers commentators for a review of the week's news, politics and public affairs in Anchorage and Alaska. Topics for this week are expected to include:

- Former-Palin staffer, Frank Bailey's book is leaked.
- No federal health care in Alaska.
- Difficulties facing Koyukuk.
- Discussed changes of ACES oil tax regimen.
- "Choose Respect" program.
- Hollywood gets tax credits.
- Port of Anchorage seeks funding for dock replacements.
- Rep. Sharon Cissna and the TSA.

## **Anchorage Edition: February 18, 2011**

Thu, February 17, 2011

Each week, KAKM gathers commentators for a review of the week's news, politics and public affairs in Anchorage and Alaska. Topics for this week are expected to include:

- Taxation on the oil industry
- Obama's 2012 budget
- Anchorage's municipal elections
- Essential Air Services
- FBI releases some of its Ted Stevens information
- Murkowski visits the White House
- Liquor industry seek to move Alcoholic Beverage Control Board
- Knik Arm Bridge advocates ask for \$150 million
- Bill Weimar arrested in Mexico

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- Earmark ban
- Fallout of Florida's Health Care ruling
- Essential air service
- Shell's 2011 drilling plans a "no go"
- Joe Miller
- Sarah and Bristol Palin try to trademark their names
- Kotzebue liquor sales

- Alaska's rural riddle
- Tara Jollie blog
- Rosetta Stone Inupiaq
- City election propositions
- Police officer accused of rape

### **Anchorage Edition: January 28, 2011**

Fri, January 28, 2011

Each week, KAKM gathers commentators for a review of the week's news, politics and public affairs in Anchorage and Alaska. Topics for this week are expected to include:

- Conoco Phillips reports rising profits in Alaska
- Waterman murder trail continues in Anchorage
- Civility at the State of the Union address
- Possible end of tug-of-war between UAA and UAF
- Legislature looking to ban cell phone use while driving
- State of the Indian Nation address

### **Anchorage Edition: January 21, 2011**

Thu, January 20, 2011

Each week, KAKM gathers commentators for a review of the week's news, politics and public affairs in Anchorage and Alaska. Topics for this week are expected to include:

- The opening of the legislative session in Juneau
- Priorities of lawmakers in the state House and Senate
- Gov. Sean Parnell's plan to revise oil taxes
- School funding and projected budget shortfalls
- The Port of Anchorage expansion and delays
- Medicaid funding and the state budget
- Future of the Coastal Management Zone

### **Anchorage Edition: January 14, 2011**

Fri, January 14, 2011

Each week, KAKM gathers commentators for a review of the week's news, politics and public affairs in Anchorage and Alaska. Topics for this week are expected to include:

- The Tucson shootings and the tone of national debate.
- Closure of the trans-Alaska pipeline.
- Rise of Native Hawaiian following an Alaska model.
- Oil Spill Commission report.
- Parking in Anchorage.
- Emergency locator beacons in Alaska aircraft.
- Organizing Congress and the latest committee assignments.

### **Anchorage Edition: January 7, 2011**

Fri, January 7, 2011

Each week, KAKM gathers commentators for a review of the week's news, politics and public affairs in Anchorage and Alaska. Topics for this week are expected to include:

- U.S. Senate race is over.
- Fireworks in Anchorage.
- ACLU turns back municipality's homeless camp plan.
- 18 homicides in Anchorage in 2010.
- High school teacher arrested on sex charges.
- North Dakota may surpass Alaska in oil production.
- Only four states didn't raise taxes last year.

### **Anchorage Edition: December 17, 2010**

Fri, December 17, 2010

Each week, KAKM gathers commentators for a review of the week's news, politics and public affairs in Anchorage and Alaska. Topics for this week are expected to include:

- Joe Miller's continued battle in court
- Judge Richard Postma, whom voters removed from the bench in the November election
- Governor Sean Parnell unveils his budget, more than \$11 billion in spending

- The parental notification for abortion amendment approved by voters is back in court yet again
- Senator Lisa Murkowski rips the Justice Department over its failure to prosecute Bill Allen on sexual misconduct charges
- Eddie Burke, radio talk show host, Tea Party candidate returns to the spotlight in California
- Knik Arm bridge gets federal approval

## **Anchorage Edition: December 10, 2010**

Thu, December 9, 2010

Each week, KAKM gathers commentators for a review of the week's news, politics and public affairs in Anchorage and Alaska. Topics for this week are expected to include:

- Governor, Lt. Governor inauguration
- Personnel changes in Parnell administration
- Post race Senate update
- Anchorage Assembly passes \$435 million budget
- Latest on Trans-Alaska's gas line proposal
- Salmon leather; does it have a future?
- Native "Super PAC"

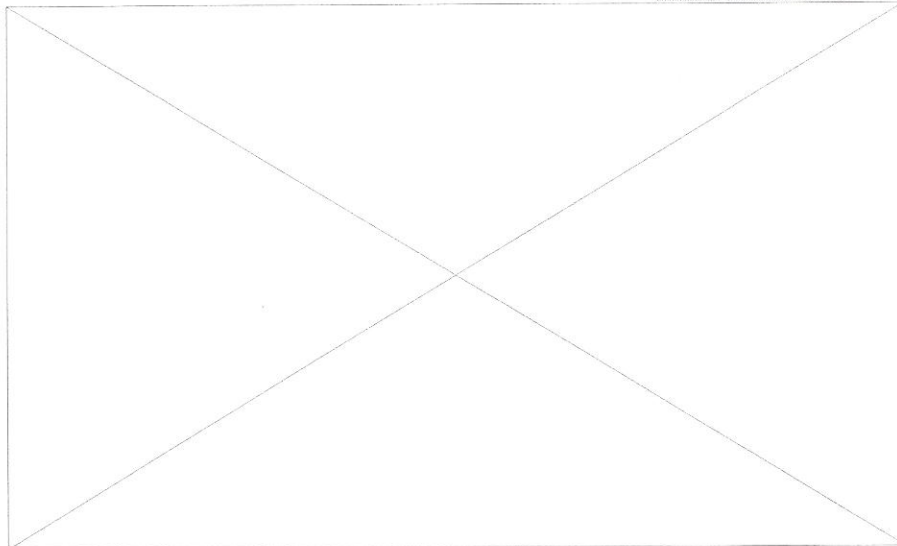
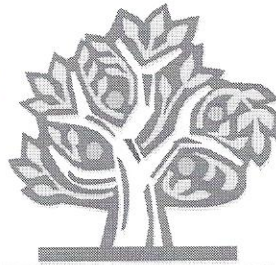
**Faces of Alaska: Lance Mackey**

Fri, January 7, 2011

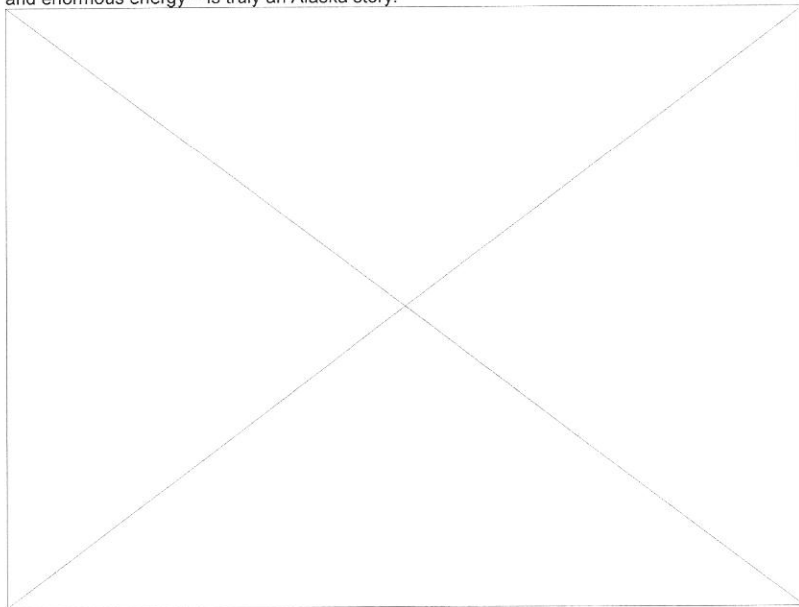
# **Faces of Alaska**

## **January 2011**

**on KSKA & KAKM**



Where does Lance Mackey get his toughness? Some of it comes from his family, for sure. On [Faces of Alaska](#), Lance talks about his family's sky-high ambitions and the strong personalities that shaped who he is today. Alaska genealogist Barbara Samuels assisted with family research on this project. Join host Kathleen McCoy and Lance Mackey as they talk about his banker grandfather from New Hampshire, why his dad set out for Alaska in the 1950s, his mother's sprint dog-mushing prowess and her own father's Alaska gold-mining ambitions. The Mackey family story – one of grit, enterprise and enormous energy – is truly an Alaska story.



## Musher, Lance Mackey

### QUICK FACTS

- Only musher to win back-to-back Yukon Quest and Iditarod races (2007 and 2008)
- Four-time winner of the Yukon Quest (2005 as a rookie; 2006, 2007 and 2008)
- Four-time winner of the Iditarod (2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010)
- Crown jewel in a family triumvirate of Iditarod winners (Father Dick, 1978 photo finish, and brother Rick, 1983)
- Grandson of a New Hampshire banker and an Alaska goldminer/pilot
- Son of an Iditarod co-founder (Dick Mackey) and a sprint-dog racing mother (Kathie Bliss)
- Throat cancer survivor, successfully overcame substance abuse problems.

### Q & A

#### What did your family give you?

"From my grandparents through to us, I'd say self-sufficiency and independence. This family is very independent. We don't need each other to do what we need to do. We just do it. We are miners, trappers, pilots, construction workers. I call it Old-School, we're an old-school family."

#### Where did your gambling and risk-taking instincts for the Iditarod come from?

"Just from through out my life, even on fishing boats. Life is too short to be predictable. I don't ever want to be predictable."

#### What's a favorite family food?

"Mom's seven-layer cookies." (Recipe from Kathie Bliss: "The ingredients are graham crackers, sweet milk, butter, chocolate chips, butterscotch chips, coconut and walnuts. Bake it in the oven until it all melts together.")

Watch Lance Mackey talk about his family roots on [Faces of Alaska](#) Thursday, January 6 at 8:00 pm and Saturday, January 8 at 9:00 pm on KAKM Channel 7 TV.

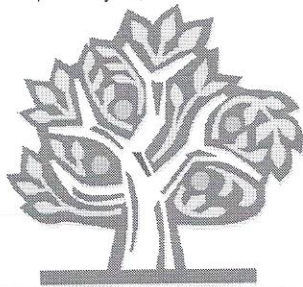
Find out what's to come on [Faces of Alaska](#) parts 2, 3, and 4 at [kakm.org/faces](http://kakm.org/faces).

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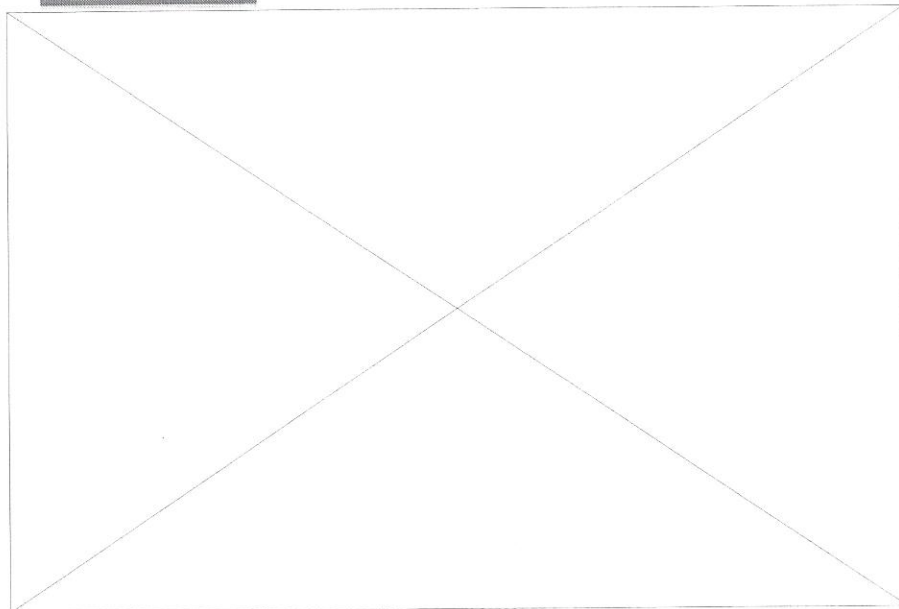


## Faces of Alaska: Dana Stabenow

Tue, January 11, 2011

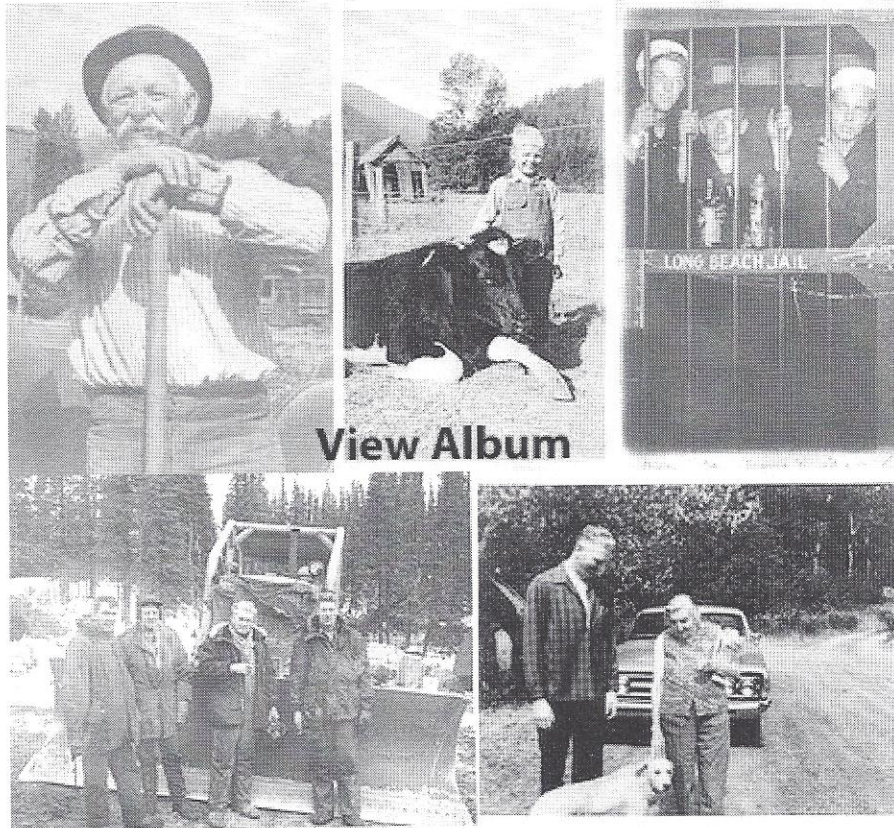


## Faces of Alaska January 2011 on KSKA & KAKM



Dana Stabenow is as homegrown Alaskan as you can get. Raised between Seldovia and a 75 foot fish tender in the Gulf of Alaska by a single mom, she was shaped by that woman's fierce independence and her father's sense of adventure. Alaska genealogist Barbara Samuels assisted with family research, tracing Dana's family heritage back to Bavaria, across Coeur D'Alene, Idaho and into Alaska. And still, she couldn't settle all the mysteries in Dana's fascinating family.

**Thursday (Jan. 13) at 8:00 pm and Saturday (Jan. 15) 7:00 pm** on KAKM, join host Kathleen McCoy and mystery writer, Dana Stabenow as they talk about that paternal great grandfather in Idaho who edited newspapers and raised hell. About her maternal grandfather who flew the first post-WW II refurbished DC-3 into Anchorage for Alaska Airlines in 1945. About the father she first met when she was 14. About his ability to fix anything mechanical and turn a two-week vacation into a six-week hunting trip, the job be damned. The Stabenow family story – one of enterprise, loyalty and creativity – is another great Alaska story



**View Album**

## **Mystery Writer, Dana Stabenow**

### **QUICK FACTS:**

- Raised on a 75-foot fishing tender in the Gulf of Alaska by a single mom/deckhand
- 1973, graduates with journalism degree from UA
- Works almost 10 years for the oil industry, makes "an obscene amount of money," spends its between Alaska and Hawaii
- 1982, at age 30, shifts
- 1985, completes MFA in creative writing from UAA
- 1990, sells 'Second Star' to Ace Science Fiction
- 1991, editor offers three-year contract for Kate Shugak series
- 1994, wins Edgar Award for 'A Cold Day for Murder'
- 2009, Signs deal to make Kate Shugak books into TV series, filmed in Alaska
- Feb. 1, 2011, heads out to promote 18th book in Kate Shugak series, *Though Not Dead*

### **Q & A with Dana Stabenow**

#### **What did your family give you in the way of an approach to the world and to life?**

"My mother never, ever once said to me I couldn't do something because I was a girl, and she led by example. She was one of the first woman deckhands on a fish tender in Cook Inlet, and when we moved on shore she had job offers coming at her from every skipper afloat. She worked ground support for an air taxi service after that, ferrying passengers to and from the airstrip, loading and unloading and delivering freight, keeping the books, cussing out the pilots when they would overhead to Port Graham as she waited with freight and passengers on the ground in Seldovia.

I didn't meet my father until I was 14, but he was entirely a self-made man. He went from his mother signing him into the merchant marine before he was old enough to join on his own to being a master mechanic and a Bush pilot. He lived life on his own terms, as when he'd take a two-week vacation from Chugach Electric to go on a six-week beachcombing trip/caribou hunt down on the Alaska Peninsula. They'd fire him when he got back, of course, but he'd say, "I was looking for work when I got this job."

I'd say Mom taught me that nothing was impossible, and that Dad taught me to live in the moment, to appreciate the now, to never pass up an opportunity to go anywhere."

**Despite your training in journalism, you pursued and have had a fabulous career writing fiction. Yet Adam Aulbach, a great grandfather, was a wily newspaper editor in the Coeur D'Alene mining district in the late 1800s. Do you feel much connection to him because of your writing career?**



"I don't feel any connection to him at all. I never met him. He's a face in a picture, albeit an uncannily similar one — I look just like him, sans the mustache. I do love the fact that I'm related to someone who was shot at for calling the governor of Idaho a [name] in print. Kind of makes him an honorary Alaskan, doesn't it?"

I got into journalism because my teachers wanted me to be able to make a living and when they saw I had a talent for writing they pushed me in that direction. It occurred to none of them that I might be able to make a living at writing novels. Ironic, no? "

#### **Is there a food or recipe that you grew up with that means family to you?**

"As anyone knows who has ever helped butcher out a moose, what you have most of when you're done is scraps. That's where I came in, me hanging grimly onto the crank of an old-fashioned meat grinder. I stuffed the scraps down the chute and the crank turned a screw that pushed the scraps through a perforated metal plate. I had to put the scraps through twice, once through the plate with the big holes and again through the plate with the little holes. It was hard, sweaty work. There were bugs. There was blood and meat scraps in my hair. I hated it.

The only thing that kept me on that damn crank was Mom's spaghetti, which (after the heart, the tongue and the liver, the only things on a moose you can eat right away) was our first meal from the moose. She never measured anything but it went like this:

- Bacon, chopped and browned. Very important! Everything good started with bacon.
- Add chopped onion and brown.
- Add moose meat, garlic powder, salt, pepper, dried oregano, and brown.
- Add sliced canned mushrooms, a small can of tomato paste, a large can of chopped tomatoes (remember we didn't have anything fresh back in those days).
- Stir together, cover and let simmer all afternoon.
- Serve over spaghetti and shake Kraft Parmesan lavishly overall.

Heaven on the tongue and even better the next day. Or so I thought then. I still make Mom's spaghetti today, with an amended recipe. It is known as "Auntie Dana's Famous Spaghetti" in the family, but it all started with Mom.

Her beans were pretty good, too. Dad made sauted ptarmigan breasts which he then finished in the oven with a wine sauce. He didn't use recipes, either, so it was different every time, and delicious every time. Truth to tell, I might miss his ptarmigan as much as I miss him."

#### **FIND YOUR STORY:**

Anchorage has a number of good starting places for those interested in digging into their family histories.

Get started on your own story here:

- [Alaska Genealogical Society \(AGS\)](#)
- [Z.J. Loussac Municipal Library](#), Genealogical Reference Section, Level 3
- [LDS Family History Centers](#)
- [National Archives-Pacific Alaska Region](#)
- [UAA / APU Consortium Library](#)
- [Alaska Genealogical Societies \(for regions are the state\)](#)

Watch Dana Stabenow talk about her family roots on [Faces of Alaska](#) **Thursday, January 13 at 8:00 pm** and **Saturday, January 15 at 9:00 pm** on KAKM Channel 7 TV.

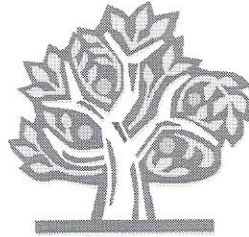
## Faces of Alaska: Willie Hensley

Wed, January 19, 2011

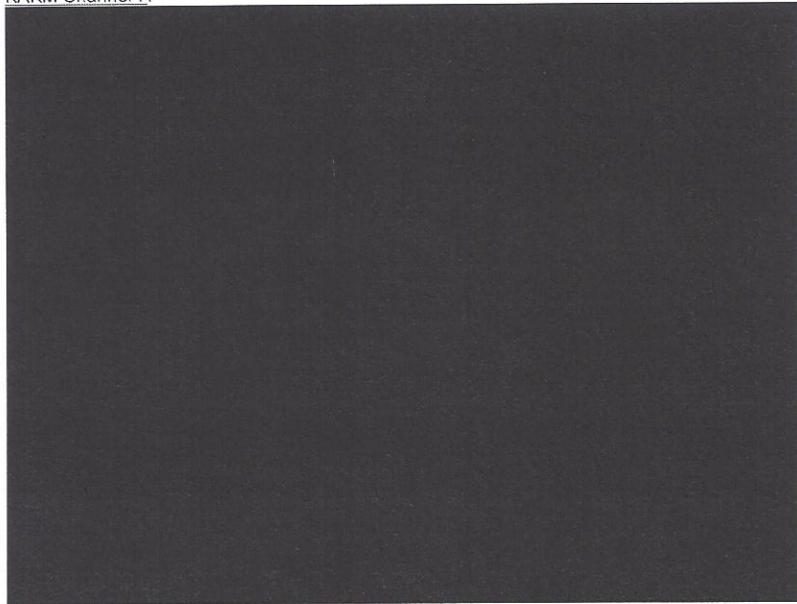
# Faces of Alaska

## January 2011

### on KSKA & KAKM



For Willie Hensley, family means relatives who've thrived for 10,000 years in the Arctic. It means an uncle who rescues you from squalor and neglect in Nome, returning you to the fold of a traditional Inupiaq family. It means an adopted mother who shares the values you carry into your future as a leader. Join host Kathleen McCoy for conversation with Willie Hensley on [Faces of Alaska](#), Thursday at 8:00 pm repeating at Saturday at 9:00 pm on KAKM Channel 7.



Photos provided by Willie Hensley.

### Alaska Native Leader, Willie Hensley

#### QUICK FACTS:

- Born in 1941 in Kotzebue, 40 miles above the Arctic Circle
- Grew up hunting, fishing and trapping in the Noatak River delta
- At age 15, flew from Kotzebue to Tennessee for high school
- Played football and served as several class presidents
- Started college at UAF, but transferred to George Washington University, graduating in 1966 in political science
- Started graduate school at UAF, took a constitutional law class from Jay Rabinowitz, wrote his famous argument for aboriginal land claims, launching ANCSA securing Native land claims; signed into law by Nixon in 1971
- Helped form Alaska Federation of Natives in October 1966
- Launched the regional Native corporation, NANA, owned by 12,500 Inupiaq shareholders, and Manilaq, the non-profit arm
- Served a four-year term in the Alaska House of Representatives, appointed by Gov. Steve Cowper to the Alaska Senate; held Democratic Party positions
- Wrote the 2009 memoir, "Fifty Miles from Tomorrow"
- His legacy, in his view: Securing land claims for Alaska Natives
- Understanding and working for the survival of the unique Inupiaq spirit

#### Q & A with Willie Hensley

**What did your family give to you, how did it shape you?**

My family, first, was responsible for my being here. We managed to survive in a pretty unforgiving world out in the country outside of Kotzebue. I learned much about making a life out on the land from them before the modernization of Alaska. Many of the key values of our culture were part of our life: hard work, cooperation, sharing, humility, loving your children... and many others. These were imbued in me through the family.



**What food traditions or recipes do you carry forward from your family?**

We did not have recipes in our family when I was growing up. We did not have a lot of spices, mostly salt and pepper and ketchup, sometimes curry.

I still enjoy and crave Inupiaq food despite my urban life. I love dried caribou and seal oil. Usually, with seal oil, there is dried seal meat and other goodies in it.

I make caribou (tutu) stew a lot. it's never the same as I don't have a system per se. I try different ways..it's simple.

- Caribou..preferably bony.
- Onions, carrots, turnips, potatoes
- Some rice and elbow macaroni
- Maybe a tablespoon of Worcestershire sauce
- Salt and pepper
- Some stewed tomatoes.

I'm hungrier than hell now! Naturally, you aren't Inupiaq if you don't enjoy bowhead muktuk.

I also enjoy beluga muktuk. We normally cook it and store it in seal oil. I like tiliaq (tundra or Hudson's Bay tea that we gather when we're berry picking). We just add it to Lipton tea and it gives it a nice earthy flavor.

I also love sourdough hotcakes.

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Watch to **Willie Hensley** talk about his family roots on [Faces of Alaska](#) **Thursday, Jan. 20 at 8:00 pm** and **Sunday, Jan. 22 at 9:00 pm** on KSKA, Anchorage.

## Faces of Alaska: Holly Brooks

Tue, January 25, 2011

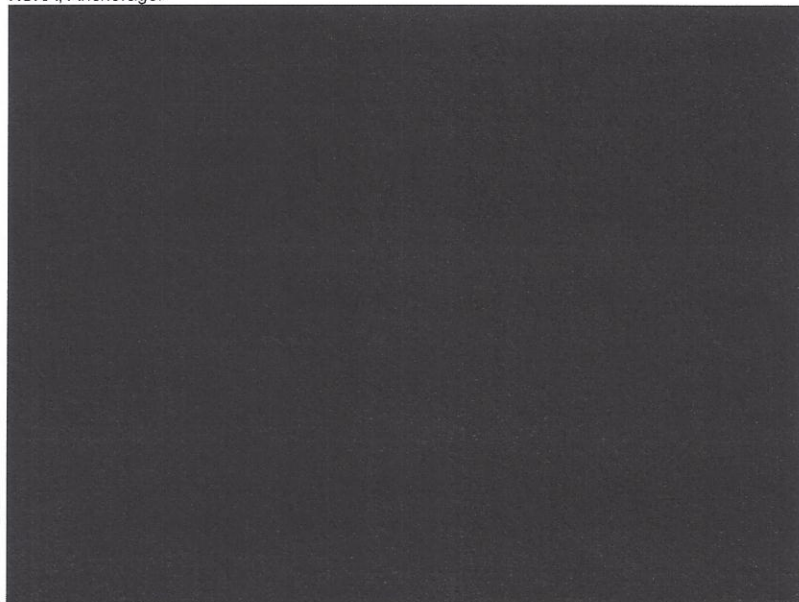


# Faces of Alaska

## January 2011

on KSKA & KAKM

Holly Brooks has an Uncle Dennis who fell in love with genealogy and traced her family roots back to the Mayflower. For 20-something Holly, family from the 1600's is hard to contemplate! But we'll also talk about the joy of her recent wedding, and the chance to share favorite family recipes, via the Internet. Join host Kathleen McCoy, in conversation with Olympic skier Holly Brooks on [Faces of Alaska](#), Thursday at 8:00 and Saturday 9:00 pm on KSKA, Anchorage.



### Olympic Skier, Holly Brooks

#### QUICK FACTS:

- Born and raised in Snoqualmie Pass near Seattle, WA
- Grew up in a ski-loving family with emphasis on recreation, not competition
- Uneventful college ski career; never qualifies for NCAA championships while at Whitman
- Best college finish, 2004 U.S. Cross-Country Ski Championships: 49th
- 2004 graduates Whitman in sociology and environmental science
- Moves to Anchorage and coaches West High ski team and works for an environmental firm doing post-Katrina water quality assessment and leftover military contamination inventory throughout Alaska
- 2006 moves to fulltime ski coaching position at Alaska Pacific University, coaching youth, masters and women's programs
- March 2008 wins Tour of Anchorage 50K freestyle
- Spring 2009 places 4th in U.S. Distance Cross-Country Championships in the 15k
- Running second place in the women's Mount Marathon run, collapses just blocks before finish line during July 4, 2009 race
- In Seward ER on July 4, 2009,, vows to attempt the U.S. Olympic team
- Marries Rob Whitney July 11, 2009
- November 2009 wins 10K freestyle at Super Tour races in West Yellowstone, Montana, places 2nd in 5k classic
- Makes 2010 Olympic team, competes in 5 events, best finish is 35th in 30k classic
- January 2011: wins and places high in races at the U.S. Cross Country Championships in Rumford, Maine
- February, 2011, headed to Oslo, Norway to compete in FIS World Championships along with Kikkan Randall, two other Alaska skiers

#### Family Inheritance

"My family has a huge influence on who I am today. I grew up just 15 miles from grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins; they were a big part of my upbringing. From them, I got my love of the outdoors, my internal curiosity, and my eternal optimism. Growing up I've always been encouraged to

pursue my passions. My parents never put pressure on me to "get the right job" or "make x amount of money" or even "win" races for that matter. My parents, and my whole family have been supportive of each decision and dream I've ever had, even when they've flopped. I am very thankful for this type of unconditional love and support.

My mother taught me to work hard, and give back; be it to a teacher, coach, or a community. At Christmas we had to write thank you notes before we were allowed to play with any new toys. When I was 15 years old, she helped me sell 1,000 boxes of Girl Scout cookies to go to summer camp for free. She taught me that limits are a figment of one's own imagination and to reach for the stars. She brought us up with a culture of volunteerism and strong moral principles and values.

My dad invoked a strong love of the outdoors, and sports into my childhood. He is truly a mountain man, complete with long beard and all! When I was in high school, he skied 24 hours straight by himself, in the rain – just to see if he could do it. We've had a number of adventures and long days in the mountains together. To me (and to him) hardship, whether a workout, or life circumstance is relative. Once you've skied for 24 hours, four doesn't seem like that many! My dad has an eternal optimism that he carries with him into the mountains and in his daily life. I don't ever recall hearing him complain about anything. I think that my ability to see the good in every situation comes from his influence."

## **Family Recipes**

"My favorite food memories center around meals that my family shared at our cabin growing up. Sunday mornings were characterized by fresh sourdough pancakes (made to rise the night before) with local, hand-picked blueberries cooked into them. There would often be a dozen mouths to feed so it would take two hours for everyone to get their fill, one pancake at a time....

Perhaps my favorite unique family recipe is the marzipan that my Swedish grandmother, Farmor, makes. In essence, marzipan is almond paste and sugar that has a play-dough like consistency. Once made, the marzipan is traditionally shaped into animals or in my family, a marzipan pig, complete with a red-dyed apple in its mouth! There are certain, unspoken rules with the pig when it comes to consumption. The pig must be eaten tail to head, and pieces must be cut evenly and symmetrically. The pig is one of the best parts of Christmas!

This past January I was in Rumford, Maine competing in US Cross Country Skiing Nationals. A package (that I had not expected) arrived at the door of our rental house with my name on it. It was a marzipan pig sent by my mother! The pig was made by my grandmother, my mother, and my cousin – three generations! Until this pig, no one except for my grandmother had every made it before. The three-generation pig that traveled thousands of miles to my door step in Maine never tasted so good with a hot cup of coffee..."

## **FIND YOUR STORY:**

Anchorage has a number of good starting places for those interested in digging into their family histories.

Get started on your own story here:

- [Alaska Genealogical Society \(AGS\)](#)
- [Z.J. Loussac Municipal Library](#), Genealogical Reference Section, Level 3
- [LDS Family History Centers](#)
- [National Archives-Pacific Alaska Region](#)
- [UAA / APU Consortium Library](#)
- [Alaska Genealogical Societies \(for regions are the state\)](#)

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